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SUBJ: MBFR: DATA QUESTIONS FOR MAY 30 INFORMAL SESSION

ATTACHED ARE THE TEXTS OF DRAFT QUESTIONS ON DATA FOR
USE AT THE MAY 30 INFORMAL SESSION. USDEL WILL INTRODUCE THEM
FOR AHG APPROVAL ON MAY 29.

BEGIN TEXT:

I. (QUESTIONS ON TRAINING UNITS, NSWP ADMINISTRATIVE AND
SERVICE SUPPORT PERSONNEL)

1. WE HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK
REGARDING EASTERN TABLED FIGURES.

QUESTION #1

2. ON APRIL 3 WE ASKED IN WHICH CATEGORY OF GROUND FORCE
MANPOWER OF THE GDR, POLAND, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA THE EAST HAD
COUNTED THE PERSONNEL QUOTE WORKING IN DEPOTS, CENTRAL STORAGE
FACILITIES, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CENTERS UNQUOTE.

3. IN HIS REPLY ON APRIL 4, AMBASSADOR TARASOV SAID THAT THE
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PERSONNEL OF THOSE COUNTRIES WORKING IN DEPOTS AND QUOTE
STORAGE FACILITIES OF CENTRAL SUBORDINATION UNQUOTE AND IN
ADMINISTRATION CENTERS HAD BEEN INCLUDED BY THE EAST IN THE
STRENGTH OF THE FORCES IN THE SECOND CATEGORY, OTHER THAN THOSE
IN MAJOR FORMATIONS.

4. OUR QUESTION WAS NOT LIMITED ONLY TO SUCH UNITS WHICH WERE

CENTRALLY SUBORDINATED, WHICH IS WHAT WE UNDERSTOOD
AMBASSADOR TARASOV REFERRED TO IN HIS REPLY.

5. FOR CLARIFICATION, THEREFORE, WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK IN WHICH
CATEGORY YOU HAVE ALLOCATED THE PERSONNEL OF DEPOTS, MAJOR
STORAGE AREAS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CENTERS WHICH ARE
SUBORDINATE TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF MILITARY DISTRICTS IN THE
GDR, POLAND, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

QUESTION # 2

6. ON APRIL 4, AMBASSADOR TARASOV SAID THAT QUOTE THE
VOYEVODSTVO MILITARY STAFF OF THE POLISH PEOPLES REPUBLIC
WERE ASSIGNED TO MILITARY DISTRICTS. FOR THIS REASON, THEY HAD
BEEN INCLUDED BY THE EAST IN THE STRENGTH OF FORCES IN MAJOR
FORMATIONS UNQUOTE.

7. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THE PERSONNEL OF THE BEZIRK AND
KREIS STAFFS OF THE GDR ALSO HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE
FIGURES FOR GDR PERSONNEL IN MAJOR FORMATIONS.

QUESTION # 3

8. SIMILARLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF PERSONNEL OF THE
PROVINCIAL STAFFS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE
FIGURES FOR MAJOR FORMATIONS.

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QUESTION # 4

9. ON APRIL 18, AMBASSADOR TARASOV SAID THAT THE PERSONNEL OF
TRAINING SUBUNITS AND UNITS OF THE SOVIET FORCES IN THE
REDUCTION AREA WHICH WERE ASSIGNED TO ARMIES HAD BEEN INCLUDED
BY THE SOVIETS IN THE FIRST CATEGORY.

10. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THIS STATEMENT REFERRED BOTH TO
THE PERSONNEL UNDERGOING TRAINING AND TO THE STAFF AND
INSTRUCTOR PERSONNEL OF THESE TRAINING UNITS AND SUBUNITS.

QUESTION # 5

11. IF BOTH GROUPS WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE SAME CATEGORY,
WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHICH GROUP HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN
WHICH CATEGORY.

QUESTION # 6

12. WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW THE EAST HAS COUNTED THE
POLISH CONSCRIPT SOLDIERS UNDERGOING BASIC MILITARY TRAINING

AND THOSE PROFESSIONAL SOLDIERS UNDERGOING ADVANCED TRAINING. SPECIFICALLY, HAVE THEY BEEN COUNTED WITH THE PERSONNEL OF THEIR REGULAR UNITS? OR HAVE THEY BEEN COUNTED WITH THE TRAINING UNITS TO WHICH THEY ARE TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED?

QUESTION # 7

13. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE SAME AS REGARDS CONSCRIPTS AND PROFESSIONAL SOLDIERS OF THE FORCES OF THE GDR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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II. (QUESTIONS FOCUSING ON ALLOCATION OF SERVICE SUPPORT ELEMENTS)

1. WE HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK REGARDING EASTERN FIGURES.

QUESTION #1

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE UNITS WHICH PROVIDE SERVICE SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUAL SOVIET ARMIES IN THE GDR. WE ARE NOT REFERRING TO THOSE SERVICE SUPPORT UNITS WHICH PERFORM SUPPORT FUNCTIONS FOR ALL SOVIET ARMIES IN THE GDR ACROSS THE BOARD. INSTEAD, WE HAVE IN MIND, FOR EXAMPLE, UNITS PERFORMING SUPPORT FUNCTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL ARMIES, SUCH AS MEDICAL SERVICES, OPERATING DEPOTS AND SUPPLY CENTERS, PROVIDING MAINTENANCE TO VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT, AND GUARDING INSTALLATIONS BELONGING TO INDIVIDUAL ARMIES.

3. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THE PERSONNEL OF ALL UNITS PERFORMING THESE AND SIMILAR SERVICE FUNCTIONS IN DIRECT SUPPORT

OF INDIVIDUAL SOVIET ARMIES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED WITH THE PERSONNEL
OF THOSE ARMIES IN THE FIGURES FOR MAJOR FORMATIONS.

(AS NEEDED:

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4. OR IS IT THE CASE THAT THE PERSONNEL OF SOME UNITS WHICH
PERFORM SERVICE SUPPORT FUNCTIONS DIRECTLY FOR INDIVIDUAL
ARMIES AND WHICH ARE LOCATED WITH THE ARMIES FOR WHICH THEY PERFORM
SERVICES, HAVE BEEN COUNTED IN THE SECOND CATEGORY BECAUSE
THEIR OWN UNITS ARE NOT CONSIDERED AS ACTUALLY PART OF OR
SUBORDINATE TO THOSE ARMIES?)

(FOR USE OF AD HOC GROUP ONLY: WE CAN ENVISAGE A SITUATION
IN WHICH THERE ARE MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL WHO ARE LOCATED
WITH A COMBAT UNIT, AND WHO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES TO
THE PERSONNEL OF THAT COMBAT UNIT, BUT WHO ARE NOT COUNTED
IN THE NUMERICAL MANPOWER STRENGTH OF THAT COMBAT UNIT.
INSTEAD, FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTING PURPOSES, THESE
PERSONNEL MAY HAVE BEEN COUNTED WITH THE MANPOWER STRENGTH
OF A CENTRAL MEDICAL COMMAND SUBORDINATE DIRECTLY TO THE
HEADQUARTERS OF THE GROUP OF SOVIET FORCES IN THE GDR,
AND AS A CONSEQUENCE, MAY HAVE BEEN COUNTED BY THE EAST
IN THE SECOND CATEGORY--THAT IS, IN THE CATEGORY OF
PERSONNEL NOT IN MAJOR FORMATIONS.)

(AS NEEDED:

5. IF THE LATTER IS THE CASE, WE WOULD LIKE EASTERN REPS TO
SPECIFY WHICH ARE THE TYPES OF SERVICES WHOSE PERSONNEL FIT
THIS DESCRIPTION.)

QUESTION # 2

6. OUR SECOND QUESTION IS RELATED TO THE FIRST ONE.

7. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT, IN ADDITION TO THE TYPES
OF SERVICE SUPPORT PERSONNEL REFERRED TO IN OUR FIRST QUESTION,

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THERE ARE SOVIET MILITARY PERSONNEL WHOM EASTERN REPS HAVE
REFERRED TO AS PERFORMING HOUSEKEEPING AND MAINTENANCE
FUNCTIONS IN BARRACKS AND OTHER GARRISON FACILITIES.

8. FROM OUR EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES,

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THESE SOVIET HOUSEKEEPING AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL ARE NOT ACTUALLY PART OF THOSE UNITS FOR WHICH THEY PERFORM THESE FUNCTIONS EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY BE LOCATED OR HOUSED WITH THESE UNITS. INSTEAD, ACCORDING TO EARLIER STATEMENTS BY EASTERN REPS, THESE PERSONNEL ARE PART OF SEPARATE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH EASTERN REPS HAVE CHARACTERIZED AS QUOTE COMMAND UNQUOTE.

(FOR USE OF AD HOC GROUP ONLY: AS WE INTERPRET THOSE EASTERN STATEMENTS EASTERN REPS WERE REFERRING TO THE RATHER COMMON MILITARY PRACTICE IN WHICH THE COMMAND OF A GARRISON IS SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM THE COMMANDS OF UNITS HOUSED IN THE GARRISON. IN SUCH CASES, THE GARRISON COMMAND HAS CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SERVICES OF COMMON CONCERN TO ALL UNITS AND SUBUNITS HOUSED IN THE GARRISON, INCLUDING HOUSEKEEPING AND MAINTENANCE OF BARRACKS AND OTHER BUILDINGS. THE PERSONNEL WHO PERFORM THESE HOUSEKEEPING AND MAINTENANCE FUNCTIONS ARE PART OF THE GARRISON COMMANDS, NOT PART OF THE UNITS HOUSED. SUCH PERSONNEL DO NOT, FOR EXAMPLE, ACCOMPANY THE UNITS TO THE FIELD ON MANEUVERS, BUT INSTEAD REMAIN BEHIND TO PERFORM THEIR GARRISON HOUSEKEEPING FUNCTIONS.)

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9. OUR QUESTION IS, ARE THESE SOVIET GARRISON MAINTENANCE AND HOUSEKEEPING COMMANDS COMPOSED OF PERSONNEL PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO SUCH COMMANDS OR OF PERSONNEL TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED FROM OTHER UNITS?

-- OR ARE THEY A MIXTURE OF BOTH?

-- AND IN WHICH CATEGORY ARE THEY COUNTED?

10. FINALLY, I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS WITH RESPECT TO
ALLOCATION BETWEEN AIR AND GROUND.

QUESTIONS # 3

11. OUR THIRD QUESTION IS, DID THE EAST INCLUDE IN ITS
FIGURES FOR SOVIET AIR FORCE MANPOWER THE PERSONNEL OF ANY
SOVIET SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE UNITS ON THE GROUNDS THAT SUCH
SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE UNITS ARE ASSIGNED MAINLY TO DEFENSE
OF AIRFIELDS?

QUESTION # 4

12. OUR FOURTH QUESTION IS, IN WHICH BRANCH OF SERVICE--
GROUND OR AIR FORCE--DID THE EAST COUNT PERSONNEL OF THOSE
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